



June 2024

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

June 2024

6-2 SS 10:00a.m.
Worship Service 11:00a.m.
w/online option

6-5 Soup Kitchen @ Noon
(Gail Coogle)
Quilting @ 10a.m.

6-09 SS 10:00a.m.
Worship Service 11:00a.m.
w/ online option
COUNCIL MEETING
@ NOON.

6-12 Lutheran Ladies'
Lunch at Old Mexico @
NOON

6-13 Grace Circle @ 11a.m.
in Lingle Room

6-16 SS 10:00a.m.
Worship Service 11:00a.m.
w/online option
No Family Day
Newsletter Deadline
Father's Day

6-19 Singing at The Oaks
@ 10:30a.m.

6-23 SS 10:00a.m.
Worship Service 11:00a.m.
w/online option
Family Day Dinner
honoring new members,
graduates & Invitation
Sunday

6-30 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00a.m.
w/online option
NEW MEMBER CLASS @
NOON

Pastor's Newsletter Article **June 2024**

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore, the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.
Deut.5:15

Greetings, Mt Zion-St Luke! As I write this, my family is on holiday in the UK. This is a trip we've planned for a year and in celebration of my graduation from seminary. Today we visited the Roman Bath Spa in Bath, England. I am reminded of the importance of rest. The first century spa was part of a pre-Christian temple complex. Here animals were sacrificed, and slaves tended to the needs of spa-goers. And yet at the core of it is a geological hot spring that has warmed and bathed bodies for millennia.

Often, we think of sabbath as law, a kind of sacrifice of time to holy pursuits, or we might think of it as form of leisure, rest for the privileged. Neither of these is quite right. Rest is a gift. As grace, we neither earn it nor deserve it. Rather sabbath comes, and we observe it. Sabbath means cessation. God created the heavens and earth for six days and ceased from creation on the seventh day. Sabbath brings the world to completion, and it is holy.

Sabbath also marks Israel's liberation from the house of slavery. In Egypt, Pharaoh refused to give them even a few days off from brick making to sacrifice to their God in the wilderness. The Sabbath commandment reminded them never to return to slavery, not for themselves, their servants, their animals. Even the land they cultivated was to lie fallow one year out of seven.

Like a hot spring, there is a blessing that wells up when we rest, when we allow things to come to an end. At the end of the day, we sleep. At the end of the week, we allow busyness to sleep and open to spiritual rest. The summer vacation is an important time of family sabbath, especially as the school year comes to an end. Graduations are also an end of studies, as retirements are ends of careers. In all these endings, God is with us and blesses us.

All our sabbaths are holy. We find that in Sabbath, we commune and heal, we recover and rediscover, and we are restored renewed for what God has next for us.

May God grant you peace and renew your joy for this life! Amen.

Grace & Peace,
Minister James

Serving Our Lord in June

Communion Assistant	Karen Hatten
Ushers	Tommy Martin and Billy Martin
Altar Guild	Angela Cannon and Bobby Martin
Kyrie:	Katie Felker
Lectors	Arthur Jackson and Wendi Martin
Acolyte:	Winn Martin

Family Day Dinner: Special Family Day Dinner will be June 23rd

Coffee Hour:

6-2 Tommy & Wendi Martin

6-16 NO Coffee Hour

6-9 Bobby & Sharon Martin

6-23 Jenny Brannan

6-30 Renee Collier

Flowers:

6-2 Tommy and Gail Coogle in honor of their children and grandchildren

6-9 Tony and Renee Collier in honor of their children

6-16 Ted and Mary Lynn Robinson to the glory of God

6-23 George and Helen Smith in memory of their daughter, Linda Rodgers

6-30 Joy and Hillary McNutt to the glory of God in memory of Joseph McNutt

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

6-2 Tommy & Gail Coogle

6-6 Duck & Barb Koch

6-11 Billy & Ginny Martin

6-19 Mary Virden

6-22 Julia Snipes

6-3 Ginny Martin

6-9 Diane Cagle

6-13 Blake Coogle

6-20 Billy Martin

Happenings in June

Soup Kitchen: June 5th @ Noon: Gail Coogle

Quilting: June 5th – 10:00a.m. in quilting room

Lutheran Ladies' Lunch: – June 12th @ Old Mexico Restaurant @ Noon

Grace Circle: June 13th @ 11:00a.m. in the Lingle Room

Singing at The Oaks: June 19th @ 10:30a.m.

Family Day Dinner: Special Family Day Dinner honoring new members, graduates and Invitation Sunday will be **June 23rd**

JUNE Family Day Dinner

The Fellowship Committee has decided to have Family Day Dinner on the 4th Sunday, June 23rd! This dinner will be held in honor of our newest members, graduates, and Invitation Sunday.

We will have cake and peach ice cream for dessert for our celebration. Please bring anything but dessert for the dinner.

Thank you,

Mary Lynn Robinson, Fellowship Chair



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Please help keep *this prayer list current. Contact the Church Office to update the list.*

Pray for Members: Franchelle Arnold, Debra Coogle & Family, Rick Coogle, Grady English & Family, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr. & Family, Dale Godfrey, David Haigler Family, Emily Harvill, Don Joiner Family, Jenny Joiner, Myrtle Joiner, Nancy & Mack McCarty & Family, Billy Martin, Sharon Martin, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, George & Helen Smith, Mark Webb family, Tony Webb, our college students, The Call Committee and for all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Sylvia Bergstrom, Pam Cole, Martha Joan Smith Converse family, Gay, Erin, Travis & Trevor Daily, John Davidson family, Carl Ethridge, Shelly Fields, Jorene Gordon, Andy Harvill, Dan Harvill, Jr., Pastor Steve and Kris Hilgeman, Adam Hobbs, Nina Hobbs, Michael Hortman, Sheriff Leonard Johnson family, Bob Melvin, Elaine Middlebrooks & Family, Patricia Morgan, Brenda Oglesby, Don Oliver, Helen Peaster Family, Leigh Powell, Vi Roach Family, Ann Roberts, Leyon Roberts family, John Simmon, Carl Williams, Lamar Yoder, our nation, Ukraine, and the world.